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# H. CON. RES. 301

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated, Blue Star Mothers of America, Incorporated, the service flag, and the service lapel button.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2002

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated, Blue Star Mothers of America, Incorporated, the service flag, and the service lapel button.

Whereas section 901 of title 36, United States Code, authorizes members of the immediate family of individuals serving in the Armed Forces to display a service flag approved by the Secretary of Defense in a window of their place of residence during any period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces are engaged;

Whereas such section also authorizes members of the immediate family of individuals serving in the Armed Forces to wear a service lapel button approved by the Secretary

of Defense during any period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces are engaged;

Whereas the traditions of displaying the service flag and wearing the service lapel button have not been widely practiced since the end of World War II; and

Whereas reinvigorating the traditions of displaying the service flag and wearing the service lapel button would foster patriotism and express support for the members of the Armed Forces during the war on terrorism: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3            (1) the members of American Gold Star Mothers,  
4        Incorporated, and Blue Star Mothers of America,  
5        Incorporated, should be recognized for their sacrifices  
6        and for their dedicated and patriotic support  
7        of the United States;

8            (2) during the period in which the Armed  
9        Forces are engaged in the war on terrorism, members  
10       of the immediate family of individuals serving  
11       in the Armed Forces should be encouraged to display  
12       a service flag approved by the Secretary of Defense  
13       under section 901 of title 36, United States  
14       Code, in the window of their place of residence and  
15       wear a service lapel button approved under such section;  
16       and

1           (3) the President should issue a proclamation  
2           calling on members of the immediate family of indi-  
3           viduals serving in the Armed Forces to display a  
4           service flag approved by the Secretary of Defense  
5           under section 901 of title 36, United States Code,  
6           in the window of their place of residence and wear  
7           a service lapel button approved under such section  
8           during the period in which the Armed Forces are en-  
9           gaged in the war on terrorism.

10          SEC. 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives  
11          shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the American  
12          Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated, and the Blue Star Moth-  
13          ers of America, Incorporated.

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